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By: **Delegates Leopold and Owings**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program - Victims of Terrorism**

3 FOR the purpose of expanding the eligibility for the Edward T. Conroy Memorial
4 Scholarship Program to certain family members of certain victims of terrorism;
5 defining a certain term; and generally relating to the Edward T. Conroy
6 Memorial Scholarship Program.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Education
9 Section 18-601
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article - Education**

15 18-601.

16 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

17 (2) "Disabled public safety employee" means a State or local public safety
18 employee who sustains an injury in the line of duty that:

19 (i) Precludes the individual from continuing to serve or be
20 employed as a State or local public safety employee; and

21 (ii) In the case of a volunteer member of a fire department or
22 ambulance or rescue company or squad, precludes the member from continuing to be
23 employed in the nonpublic safety occupation in which the member is engaged at the
24 time of the injury.

25 (3) "Surviving spouse" means a person who has not remarried.

1 (4) "State or local public safety employee" means a person who is:

2 (i) A career or volunteer member of a:

3 1. Fire department;

4 2. Ambulance company or squad; or

5 3. Rescue company or squad;

6 (ii) A law enforcement officer;

7 (iii) A correctional officer; or

8 (iv) A member of the Maryland National Guard who was a resident
9 of this State at the time of death.

10 (5) "Victim of [the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks]" TERRORISM":

11 (I) [means] MEANS a Maryland resident who was killed as a result
12 of AN ACT THAT:

13 1. IS DANGEROUS TO HUMAN LIFE OR POTENTIALLY
14 DESTRUCTIVE OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE OR KEY RESOURCES;

15 2. IS A VIOLATION OF THE CRIMINAL LAWS OF THE UNITED
16 STATES OR THIS STATE; AND

17 3. APPEARS TO BE INTENDED TO INTIMIDATE OR COERCE A
18 CIVILIAN POPULATION OR A GOVERNMENT IN FURTHERANCE OF POLITICAL OR
19 SOCIAL OBJECTIVES; AND

20 (II) INCLUDES A VICTIM OF the SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 attacks on the
21 World Trade Center in New York City, the attack on the Pentagon in Virginia, or the
22 crash of United Airlines Flight 93 in Pennsylvania.

23 (b) There is a program of scholarships that are awarded under this section.

24 (c) The Program is the Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program.

25 (d) A person may apply to the Office for a scholarship under this section if the
26 person:

27 (1) Is a resident of Maryland;

28 (2) (i) Is accepted for admission or enrolled in the regular
29 undergraduate, graduate or professional program at an eligible institution; or

30 (ii) Is enrolled in a 2-year terminal certificate program in which
31 the course work is acceptable for transfer credit for an accredited baccalaureate
32 program in an eligible institution; and

1 (3) (i) Is at least 16 years old and a son or daughter of a member of the
2 armed forces who was a resident of this State at the time the parent:

3 1. Died or was totally and permanently disabled as a result
4 of military service after December 7, 1941; or

5 2. Was declared to be a prisoner of war or missing in action,
6 if that occurred on or after January 1, 1960 as a result of the Vietnam conflict, and if
7 the child was born prior to or while the parent was a prisoner of war or missing in
8 action;

9 (ii) Was a prisoner of war on or after January 1, 1960 as a result of
10 the Vietnam conflict and was a resident of this State at the time the person was
11 declared to be a prisoner of war or missing in action;

12 (iii) 1. Is at least 16 years old and a son or daughter of any State
13 or local public safety employee killed in the line of duty; or

14 2. Is the surviving spouse of any State or local public safety
15 employee killed in the line of duty;

16 (iv) Is a disabled public safety employee;

17 (v) Is a veteran, as defined under § 9-901 of the State Government
18 Article, who:

19 1. Suffers a service-related disability of 25% or greater; and

20 2. Has exhausted or is no longer eligible for federal veterans'
21 educational benefits; or

22 (vi) Is at least 16 years old and a son or daughter of or the surviving
23 spouse of a victim of [the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks] TERRORISM.

24 (e) A scholarship awarded under this section:

25 (1) May be used for the tuition and mandatory fees at any eligible
26 institution; and

27 (2) May not:

28 (i) Exceed the equivalent annual tuition and mandatory fees of a
29 resident undergraduate student at the 4-year public institution of higher education
30 within the University System of Maryland, other than the University of Maryland
31 University College and University of Maryland, Baltimore, with the highest annual
32 expenses for a full-time resident undergraduate; and

33 (ii) Be less than the lesser of:

34 1. \$3,000; or

